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11. On June 12, emboff delivered reftel points regarding the Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty (FCMT) to Department of Foreign Affairs Disarmament & Non-Proliferation Director Adrian McDaid and Desk Officer Michael Keaveney. Post followed up on June 23 with Keaveney, who said that while Ireland was committed to an effectively verifiable treaty (and thus preferred the Shannon Mandate), the GOI would consider supporting any proposal that was able to achieve consensus. He stopped short of saying that Ireland would explicitly endorse the U.S. draft mandate. Keaveney also said that Ireland was skeptical as to the utility of the U.S. draft mandate, considering Chinese and Russian opposition, and was interested in U.S. plans to overcome this opposition.